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PCT/JP2005/013785

A. CLASSIFICATION OFFICE NUMBER G11B27/10 G11B27/32 G11B27/34

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210

3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCTASA/ 210

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos. : -

In independent claim 1, the term "application" used on lines 3 and 11 of page 1 of the claims, which appears to be essential for the definition of the claimed playback apparatus, is not defined, nor is it a term with a well-recognized and precise meaning in the art. Furthermore, the fact that the "application" can be "played back" (as specified on lines 2-3 of page 1 of the claims), as e.g. audio and/or video information can be, and, at the same time, the "application" can "request" a pre-determined unit of the claimed apparatus to perform certain tasks (as specified on line 11 of page 1 of the claims), as e.g. an executable program could request, throws further doubt on the nature of the entity referred to by the said term.

When turning to the description for support, the skilled person finds a definition of the said term, given however in the context of the Blu-ray disc technology, in particular, in the context of the BD-ROM format (lines 11-12 on page 1, lines 4-5 on page 15, lines 7-17 on page 15, lines 7-10 and 17-19 on page 17, lines 16-21 on page 9, lines 17-18 and 27-28 on page 64 of the description). However, the details of the BD-ROM, e.g. the Basic Format Specifications, the File System Specifications and concepts underlying its usage, which are needed by the skilled person to understand and carry out the claimed invention, are not public in the sense of Rule 64.1 PCT.

Therefore the claimed invention is not sufficiently disclosed, contrary to Art. 5 PCT. Hence it is not meaningful to carry out a complete search.

According to the description, line 23 on page 2 to line 16 page 3, the invention is aimed at ensuring the seamless replacement of various information files stored on the local storage, i.e. a hard disk, of a BD-ROM player, when new content is acquired during playback. The search has been restricted to those documents that address the same technical problem.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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